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Atty. Docket: ITW-13111

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

John H. Schneider et al. : Group Art Unit: 3721

Serial No.: 10/042,985 : Examiner: Truong, T.K.

Filed: October 19, 2001

Title: TAMPER-EVIDENT EASY-OPEN SLIDER  
PACKAGE AND RELATED METHODS  
OF MANUFACTURE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW  
AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed on September 9, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed on December 22, 2004 in the above-referenced patent application, a telephone interview was held on January 25, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. The participants in the interview were Supervisory Patent Examiner Rinaldi Rada, Patent Examiner Thanh Truong and the undersigned.

During the interview, the undersigned argued that the Final Rejection was improper because Applicants' own disclosure was being cited as prior art in the claim rejections. Mr. Rada indicated that the Final Rejection was being withdrawn.

In reliance on the foregoing indication that the Final Rejection was being withdrawn, the Applicants have taken no further steps to respond to that Final Rejection and believe that the statutory period for reply is no longer running.

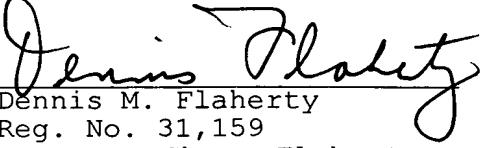
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In anticipation of the next office action, the Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

March 2, 2005

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